*Reply of Government.*—The rule was made after careful consideration. The principle upon which the right to vote is given to patels is a sound one and Government are not prepared to disenfranchise them.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Opening of roads and establishment of schools in villages.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—In cities and taluk headquarters, roads are being opened and schools established by the Engineering and Educational Departments, the cost being met out of the contributions from the Local Funds; consequently the people in these places enjoy advantages denied to those living in villages though the latter also contribute a good deal to the General Revenues and to the Local Funds. Therefore out of the amount collected every year in these villages towards Local Funds such portion as may be deemed reasonable and expedient may be set apart and utilised for laying out roads and opening schools in them and the happiness of the villagers may be promoted.

*Reply of Government.*—The present rules require no alteration.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Local Fund roads.

Mr. G. Tirunarana Iyengar, Hassan District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—Repairs and other works to Local Fund roads are at present executed by the Public Works Department. The contractors of that department are unable to get the work done in the proper season owing to the difficulty they find in procuring the requisite local labour and the roads are not therefore maintained in a proper condition. The District Board has not sufficient funds to increase the mileage allotments for repairs. The maintenance of the roads which are certified by the Public Works Department as having been brought up to a certain standard may be taken over by the District Board for upkeep, the repairs being executed by shanbhogs, patels or other raiyats of the villages through which the road runs. This procedure will facilitate the requisite labour being obtained for the work locally at a reduced cost.

*Reply of Government.*—Government have found the present system to work well. The representation cannot be considered.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Supervision of cattle-pounds in coffee estates.

Mr. K. Thammaiya, Hassan District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is impossible for coffee planters to supervise the cattle-pounds situated in certain estates in addition to their own heavy work. As the management of such pounds by coolies results in the unsatisfactory feeding of the animals impounded, it may be entrusted to patels or other Government servants.

*Reply of Government.*—The matter is under correspondence.